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In re Merck & Co., Inc. Securities, Derivative & ERISA Litigation
The Consolidated Securities Action, No. 05-CV-02367

Dear Mr. Walsh:

We write on behalf of all Defendants¹ in the above-captioned action to invoke, pursuant to Local Rule 7.1(d)(5), an automatic extension of the April 15, 2013 motion day for the Motion for Leave to File Amended Complaint filed by Lead Plaintiffs and certified Class Representatives the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, Steven LeVan, Jerome Haber and Richard Reynolds (collectively, "Plaintiffs"). (See ECF No. 489.) The new motion day for the motion shall be May 6, 2013. Accordingly, Defendants' opposition(s) to Plaintiffs' motion shall now be due on or before April 22, 2013. Plaintiffs' reply papers, if any, shall now be due on or before April 29, 2013. This letter is being filed before the date on which Defendants' opposition(s) would otherwise be due under Local Rule 7.1(d)(2). No previous extension has been requested or obtained in connection with this motion.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,


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¹ Defendant Dr. Edward M. Scolnick, who is separately represented, joins in this letter.

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